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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42059

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
MINNESOTA D/B/A XCEL ENERGY

v.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: November 21, 2001

By request filed November 19, 2001, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) seeks an 8-day extension, until December 7, 2001, for submitting a reply to the motion to compel filed on November 9, 2001, by Northern States Power Company Minnesota d/b/a Xcel Energy (NSP or complainant).¹ UP states that NSP does not oppose the extension request and that the additional time is needed to respond adequately to NSP's motion.

The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The extension request is granted. UP's reply to the motion to compel is due December 7, 2001.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ NSP has filed a complaint challenging the reasonableness of UP's rates on complainant's coal shipments from Wyoming origins to NSP's electric generating facilities at Burnsville and Bayport, MN, and from an interchange point at St. Paul, MN, to NSP's facility at Bayport. By decision served April 24, 2001, the Board granted the joint request by NSP and UP to suspend the procedural schedule to allow time to address discovery issues.